

## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE May 10, 1988FULL NAME Elmer L. Blough SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)ADDRESS [REDACTED]CITY Smithville STATE Ohio ZIP CODE 44677DATE OF BIRTH 6/29/32 (This is important and should be exact)APPROXIMATE AGE 55 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)RELIGION Apostolic NATIONALITY OCCUPATION Rubbermaid - EngineerEDUCATION High School GraduateWEIGHT 230# HEIGHT 5'10" RACE CaucasianCOLOR OF HAIR Brown COLOR OF EYES BlueOUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS [REDACTED]MARRIED OR SINGLE Married CHILDREN [REDACTED]NAME OF SPOUSE [REDACTED] (Number, ages, and names, if possible)SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>UNIT #</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DATE REGISTERED</u>	<u>DATE RESIGNED</u>
T-73	Smithville	Ohio	CC	2/79	1/88

SPECIAL RECOGNITION 

## SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

Pleased guilty, convicted and sentenced on three counts of gross sexual imposition and two counts of sexual imposition.

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE OR SPECULATION):

Signed [Signature]  
SCOUT EXECUTIVECouncil RS-509  
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JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

July 6, 1988

Jack A. Johnson  
Scout Executive  
Suckeye Council, No. 436

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Elmer L. Blough

Dear Jack:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Confidential File.

Sincerely,

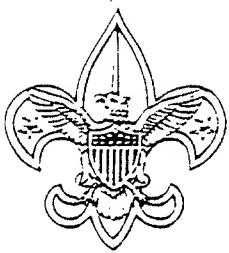
Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: East Central Region

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# BUCKEYE COUNCIL, INC. #436 BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

5136 TUSCARAWAS STREET WEST

CANTON, OHIO 44708

January 13, 1988

Mr. Elmer Blough

Smithville, OH 44677

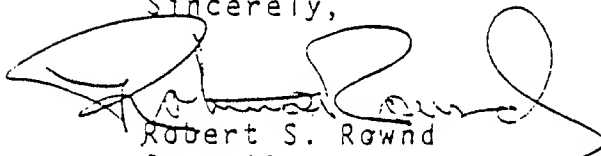
Dear Mr. Blough:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America.

You should understand that BSA membership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not meet the high standards of membership which the BSA seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed by a Council Review Committee, please write to me, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA member should be reinstated.

Sincerely,



Robert S. Rownd  
Council President

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# ADULT APPLICATION

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☐ POST NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
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☐ COUNCIL/DISTRICT POSITION \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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FIRST NAME AND INITIAL

LAST NAME

ROBERT L. HENDERSON

ADDRESS—STREET OR R.F.D.

[REDACTED ADDRESS]

DATE OF BIRTH

POSITION

03 23 38 SM  
MONTH DAY YEAR CODE

ADDITIONAL ADDRESS INFORMATION (if necessary)

[REDACTED ADDRESS INFORMATION]

BOYS' LIFE

CHECK ONE

SEX

☐ NEW LEADER  
☒ FORMER LEADER M

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

SMITHVILLE OH 44677

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SCOUTMASTER 2 T-73  
PREVIOUS SCOUTING BACKGROUND

BUCKEYE  
COUNCIL

OCCUPATION, EMPLOYER, AND BUSINESS ADDRESS

SIGNATURE—SEE COVER

REGISTRATION FEE: [X] \$1.00  
BOYS' LIFE FEE: [ ] \$  
TERM (MONTHS): [ ] 5  
UNIT RENEWAL DATE: [ ] 2 / [ ] 86  
MONTH YEAR

APPROVAL—SEE COVER

☐ If applicant has an unexpired membership certificate, registration may be accomplished in this unit by a payment of 50 cents for processing the transfer. Check the box and attach certificate. It will be returned by the council.


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# Former Boy Scout Leader Sentenced To 4 Years In Prison In Molestation Case

By JOHN CANIGLIA  
Staff Writer

Elmer L. Blough, a former Smithville Boy Scout leader, was sentenced to four years in prison this morning for molesting Scouts during campouts in the past two years.

Wayne County Common Pleas Judge Robert J. Brown ordered Blough, 55, 313 S. Summit St., Smithville, to the Orient Correctional Institute for three counts of gross sexual imposition and two counts of sexual imposition for incidents that took place while the youths were with Smithville Troop 13 on campouts.

Blough was the troop's leader of the Order of the Arrow. He had been a part of the organization for 15-20 years.

Some of the incidents took place at the Wayne County Coon Hunters' Club on Honeytown Road while others took place at Stoller's Pond, private property in Milton Township, where Scouts had swimming outings.

"Given the serious nature of the charges, you not only violated the law, but you violated the trust that these children placed in you," Brown told Blough before sentencing.

Brown said a pre-sentence report of the incident showed that two of the youths who were molested are continuing to have psychological problems because of the incidents.

Brown sentenced Blough to consecutive two-year sentences on two of the gross sexual imposition charges. He sentenced Blough to another concurrent term of two years for the third charge.

He also ordered Blough to serve 90 days in the Wayne County jail for each of the two sexual imposition charges, which involved the molesting of a boy over 13.

UNDER OHIO LAW, sexual imposition is a misdemeanor; therefore, the sentences will merge with the felony charges of gross sexual imposition.

Blough said he had nothing to say to Brown before sentencing. After the judge left the courtroom, Blough told his family "I won't be coming back. I won't be coming back." He directed his attorney Gust Goutras of Canton "to transfer

ELMER L. BLOUGH, a former Smithville Boy Scout leader, listens to Wayne County Common Pleas Judge Robert J. Brown moments before Brown sentenced him this morning to four years in the Orient Correctional Institute for molesting Boy Scouts on campouts in the past two years.

Mike Schenk photo

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# BLOUGH

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everything to my wife."

County officials confirmed that the incidents involving the youths took place at both the Coon Hunters' Club and at the private pond.

In one incident at Stoller's Pond last summer, Blough allegedly used a blanket or towel to help dry a 12-year-old boy who had just finished swimming. Blough, according to officials, then molested the youth while the boy was still in his swimming trunks.

Officials said Blough also had touched and massaged other youths on occasion.

Blough's touching also led to his molesting another 12-year-old boy in December 1986 at the Coon Hunters' Club.

Authorities said the incident began when Blough asked the boy, who was wearing just a T-shirt and shorts, if he wanted to stay warmer by sleeping with Blough, instead of sleeping alone with only one blanket.

Officials said Blough pulled the youth's shorts down and began touching the boy's genitals. The youth did not know what to do and simply tried to roll over, however, the incident continued, according to the authorities.

BEFORE THE campout, Blough told the youth's father that he would keep his boy warm through the night, according to the Smithville parent.

Blough reportedly told Wayne County sheriff's deputies that he only inadvertently touched the youth, but later admitted to the molesting.

The incidents came to light after the youths heard remarks in a Teen CAP (Child Assault Prevention) presentation by school counselors at Greene Middle School.

Blough's attorney sought mercy for his client in the case, citing Blough's lack of a criminal record and his belief that he could take a great deal of treatment.

Wayne County prosecutor John M. Williams presented the case, and told Brown before sentencing that it "was not the most grievous offense I've seen, but (Blough) was in an unusual place of trust" to be involved in this type of incident.

Jack Johnson, executive director of the Boy Scouts of America's Buckeye Council in Canton, could not be reached for comment this morning on the effect Blough's conviction has had on the Smithville troupe.

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April 26, 1988

Mr. Jack A. Johnson  
Scout Executive  
Buckeye Council, No. 436

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PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Elmer L. Blough

Dear Jack:

Thank you for your letter of April 15 concerning the above-named individual. The letter and the newspaper clippings are most helpful to us as we start a file which will lead to refusal of future registration attempts.

I would like a copy of the letter which you sent to Mr. Blough so that we have this for our files. We would also like to have the ultimate sentencing which is imposed.

I am sending a Confidential Record Sheet which I would like to have completed to the best of your ability so that we may identify Mr. Blough should he attempt registration in another location. A copy of an application or other paper with his signature would also aid in the identification process.

Thank you for your help in protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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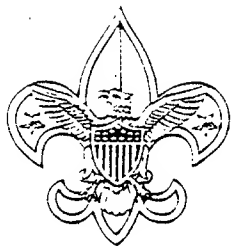
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# BUCKEYE COUNCIL, INC. #436 BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

5136 TUSCARAWAS STREET WEST

CANTON, OHIO 44708

April 15, 1988

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director  
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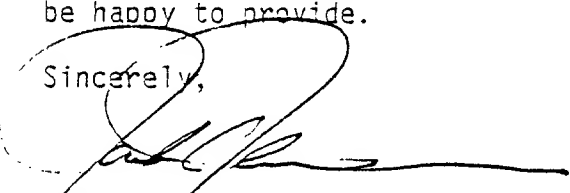
Dear Paul:

It is my unpleasant duty to ask you to add to our Confidential List a Scouter of the Buckeye Council. The gentleman in question is Mr. Elmer L. Blough, age 55, residing at [REDACTED] Smithville, Ohio.

I am enclosing for your perusal articles that indicate that Mr. Blough has pleaded guilty to three counts of gross sexual imposition and two counts of sexual imposition. We have suspended Mr. Blough's registration with the Buckeye Council pending this ultimate outcome and a letter from our Council President has also been sent.

If you would require any additional information or substantiation, we would be happy to provide.

Sincerely,

  
Jack A. Johnson  
Scout Executive

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Enclosures



# Former Scout Leader Pleads To Sex Charges

By JOHN CANIGLIA  
Staff Writer

A former Smithville Boy Scout leader admitted Friday that he molested two Scouts on campouts in the last two years.

Elmer L. Blough, 55, 313 S. Summit St., pleaded guilty to three counts of gross sexual imposition and two counts of sexual imposition before Wayne County Common Pleas Judge Robert J. Brown.

Brown ordered a pre-sentence investigation, and said sentencing will be in about a month. Brown also ordered Blough to two counseling appointments at the Forensic Diagnostic Center in Mansfield in the next two weeks. Brown said the results of the sessions will be used to help him in sentencing.

Blough faces a maximum of two years in prison and a \$5,000 fine on each of the gross sexual imposition charges. He faces a maximum 60-day sentence in jail and a \$250 fine for the sexual imposition charges, which are a misdemeanors.

The former adviser of the local Order of the Arrow is free on \$2,000 cash bond. He was scheduled to stand trial on the charges March 24.

The charges stem from incidents at the Wayne County Coon Hunter's Club on Honeytown Road when the youths were on campouts, according to two county officials.

An indictment in the case shows that the incidents took place between Dec. 13, 1986, and Feb. 23, 1987.

Blough had originally been indicted on six charges, but one charge was dropped because the evidence in a case involving one of the boys "was much less than that in the other two incidents," said assistant Wayne County attorney John M. Williams.

Blough has admitted that he fondled the boys. In one of the incidents at the Coon Hunter's Club, two officials said, Blough fondled a 13-year-old boy's genitals.

DETAILS OF the incidents came to light after a Teen CAP (Child Assault Prevention) presentation by school counselors at Greene Middle School. The youths then met with a caseworker from Wayne County Children Services and discussed the incidents.

Blough had been involved in Scouting extensively in the past 15-20 years with his sons participating in activities of Smithville's Troop 73.

Blough, who was barely audible throughout the proceeding, only answered Brown by saying, "Yes sir." He was accompanied at the hearing by his attorney, Gust Goutras of Canton.

# Scout aide may face maximum term

Assistant Wayne County prosecutor John M. Williams will decide after a probation department investigation is completed whether to seek the maximum penalty against a Smithville Boy Scout volunteer who pleaded guilty last week to molesting two Scouts.

Elmer Blough, 55, faces up to six years, four months in prison and a \$15,500 fine for fondling a 13-year-old boy and a 12-year-old boy during campouts at the Wayne Coon Hunter's Club on Secret Road in East Union Township.

The incidents occurred between Dec. 12, 1986, and May 18, 1987, when Blough and other adult volunteers took Scouts in Smithville Troop 73 camping.

Blough, an engineer and former church leader, pleaded guilty to three counts of gross sexual imposition and two counts of sexual imposition Friday in Wayne Common Pleas Court.

Judge Robert Brown dismissed one count of gross sexual imposition allegedly involving a third youth for lack of evidence.

Blough is free on a \$2,000 cash bond pending the investigation by the probation officials and a psychological evaluation by the Forensic Diagnostic Center in Mansfield.

Blough, a 20-year scouting veteran, was suspended by the Buckeye Council of Boy Scouts in Canton after sheriff's detectives began to investigate last December.

One of the youths had reported the incidents to his teacher after a program on child assault was presented in school.

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